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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SECRETARY KISSINGER)

SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMING VISIT TO ARGENTINA

REF: BA 0359

1. DURING JAN 14 MEETING WITH FONMIN VIGNES (SEE BA 0359) AMB HILL HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE SEVERAL POINTS RELATING TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMING VISIT. I MENTIONED SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN MEETING INTELLECTUALS, CULTURAL FIGURES, MEMBERS OF PRESS AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL FIGURES IN ORDER TO GET BROADER FEEL FOR THE COUNTRY. VIGNES REPLIED THAT THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND GOA WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST EMBASSY IN MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO BE MADE FOR MRS. KISSINGER TO VISIT MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES IF SHE SO WISHED. VIGNES REMARKED WITH A SMILE THAT SECRETARY SHOULD BE CAREFUL SINCE THERE CERTAIN ARGENTINE INTELLECTUALS WHO TALKED AT SUCH LENGTH THAT ONCE SECRETARY SAT DOWN WITH THEM HE WOULD HAVE NO TIME TO MEET WITH ANYONE ELSE.

2. SUBJECT OF WHERE SECRETARY AND PARTY WOULD BE LODGED WAS RAISED. VIGNES SAID HE HAD ASSUMED SECRETARY WOULD STAY AT RESIDENCE. (NOTE: RESIDENCE WOULD BE BEST LOCATION FROM STAND-POINT OF SECURITY. IF IT WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS, AMB HILL AND FAMILY ARE PREPARED TO MOVE OUT OF RESIDENCE AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO SECRETARY AND PARTY DURING THEIR STAY). VIGNES URGED "AS A FRIEND" THAT IF SECRETARY IS TO STAY IN HOTEL, HE BE LODGED NOT IN SHERATON BUT IN PLAZA, WHICH HE DESCRIBED

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AS MORE TRADITIONAL HOTEL JUST ACROSS PLAZA SAN MARTIN FROM

FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS FOR SOME YEARS HAD SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PLAZA. WHILE, AS HOSTS, GOA OBVIOUSLY HAS SOME SAY AS TO WHERE SECRETARY LODGES, IN FINAL ANALYSIS THEY DOUBTLESS WILL BE GUIDED BY SECRETARY'S WISHES IN THE MATTER. EMBASSY REMAINS INCLINED IN FAVOR OF SHERATON, SINCE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS THERE ARE BETTER AND IT IS BETTER PREPARED TO HANDLE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO SECRETARY'S PREFERENCES AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.  
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